

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on July 8, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 8 and 10-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 8 is amended. Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in that claim, as the subject matter previously recited in claim 9 is incorporated into claim 8. Support for additional amendments to address informalities may be found in paragraph [0092] of the disclosure of this application. Claim 8 is independent. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks respectfully is requested.

The Examiner states that claim 9 recites allowable subject matter. Applicants note this indication of allowability and base the above amendments on the indication. Specifically, the allowable subject matter previously recited in claim 9 is incorporated into independent claim 8. The incorporation of allowable claim 9 into claim 8 renders the pending rejection under §103 moot.

The Examiner rejects claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The cancellation of claim 9 renders the above rejection moot with respect to that claim, and claim 8 is amended to overcome the above rejection by addressing issues related to both previously pending claims 8 and 9. Accordingly, withdrawal of the pending rejection under §112 respectfully is requested.

AMENDMENT

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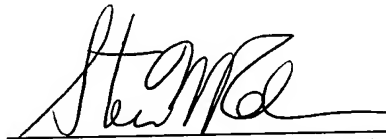
It therefore is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 8 and 10-12, earnestly is solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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